Other aspects of the invention are characterized in that an appliance for outputting data is a sensor for detecting the presence of persons by voice, motion, infrared ray and the like; and an appliance utilizing the data is an air conditioner. Needless to say, the appliance may be an illuminator, a ventilation fan or the like.

Other aspects of the invention are characterized in that an appliance for outputting data is an electric power sensor such as an electric current meter; and an appliance utilizing the data is an air conditioner with a large electric power consumption.

Page 11, first and second paragraphs, cancel and replace with:

A still further aspect of the invention is characterized in that a device for setting linked operations, not a controller, controls total electric power consumption of appliances (including NFB and a safety device serving therefor) less than a predetermined value.

Other aspects of the invention are characterized in that an appliance and a controller common to appliances are provided

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with a controller or a means of linkedly controlling in an appliance control network system. Accordingly, the following disorders due to operations by a user can be effectively prevented from being caused; total electric power consumption of appliances surpasses a predetermined value, an air conditioner and a warm air circulator are simultaneously in operation, or the like. In the case of a controller common to appliances, several measures for the disorders can be displayed on a display unit thereof, and thereafter the user can choose from the measures.

Page 16, third full paragraph, cancel and replace with:

Nowadays, many appliances have a function of informing or enabling to inform or direct a user of operating conditions thereof for the purpose of user's convenience of controlling. The examples are as follows; a periodic printout of transmit-receive records in a facsimile, a display of temperature to be set in an air conditioner, and besides household electric appliances a display of mileage, fuel and lubricating oil in a car.

**Page 17, fourth full paragraph, cancel and replace with:**

An appliance periodically stores a predetermined operation data or updates the data on every change in operating conditions, and additionally the data can be output by a user. This is such that the conditions of units are displayed in a central control room, a driver's seat and the like in plants for vessels and aircrafts; and flight conditions are constantly recorded at a flight recorder in aircrafts.

**Page 18, second full paragraph to Page 19, line 5, cancel and replace with:**

Furthermore, a household electric appliance mutually adjusts the performance of its function in conformity with communications protocols. Specifically, facsimiles mutually contact on color printing, paper size and a transmission in a detail mode in conformity with the Protocol CCITT T30 by Comite consultatif international telegraphique et telehonique, and after such contact, a transmitting facsimile generally processes image data for adjusting to both of the transmitting and receiving facsimiles, transmission and reception are executed between the facsimiles. Video tape recorders read out a time signal in airwaves received by a televisor connected thereto to

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display an exact time to a user and utilize for reserved recording.

An appliance specifies kinds and the contents of data of other appliances whose data are necessary therefor. For example, operating conditions of air conditioners and refrigerators are generally unnecessary for video tape recorders, particularly, reserved recording. Accordingly, when the household electric appliance demands operating conditions from other household electric appliances or set information of transmitting conditions, a program operates such that the appliance demands necessary data from only other necessary appliances and only the data are transmitted and received is installed in advance or can be externally set (the program is technologically installed in applications softwares and communications middlewares. Protocols and programs, therefore, have been standardized.).

Page 19, line 16 to Page 20, line 5, cancel and replace with: